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Applicant(s): Prince, et al.

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INTERWORKING

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of 02/27/2003, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-10, 13, and 17-19. The Examiner has objected to claims 2-4 and 14-16. The Examiner has allowed claims 11, 12, 20, and 21. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-10 and 13-19.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-10, 13, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Han (U.S. Patent No. 6,222,844). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Regarding claims 1, 9, 13, and 18, while the Examiner states that Han discloses...obtaining connection information of an end point network switch, stating that Fig. 8, Ref. S210, receives a PVC connection between the source and destination), Applicant submits that the written disclosure of Han teaches away from the claimed invention. For example, step S201 of Han, which appears to be misidentified as step S210 in Fig. 8, is described as being an origination side PVC internetworking process step of receiving PVC internetworking requirement through an operator interface (col. 8, lines 48-51). As an origination side process step, it fails to disclose obtaining connection information of an end-point network switch,...wherein the receiving party is operably coupled to the end-point switch.